BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC Resolution No. 2009-27

SUBJECT: Approval and Support of UDC Capital Campaign

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia has embarked on a radical transformation into an institution of excellence, including a community college component and a flagship four-year institution, which will together offer an unparalleled range of undergraduate, graduate, and technical degrees as well as top-of-the-market student services; and

WHEREAS, though the University receives an annual appropriation from the government of the District of Columbia in addition to revenues generated by student tuition and fees, these amounts together do not generate sufficient funding to achieve the vision of excellence sought for the University; and

WHEREAS, giving to the University by alumni, community leaders, and other stakeholders, which are a critical source of the funds necessary to achieve the University’s vision, has long fallen below levels achieved by other institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that this deficit is due in part to the long-time lack of a unified development mission and, more importantly, a severe lack of resources available for development purposes;

WHEREAS, the University has projected that, if adequately funded, a Capital Campaign could raise as much as thirty million dollars ($30,000,000) in funding for the University over a five-year period;

WHEREAS, the University has presented the Board with the attached proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010 which takes into account necessary staff enhancements as well as other crucial components such as campaign consulting services and special events funding;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves and voices its strong support for a Capital Campaign and directs the President or designee to implement and carry out the campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in recognition of the need that the Capital Campaign cannot succeed without the substantial support and resources, the Board hereby approves the attached proposed budget for the Capital Campaign for Fiscal Year 2010; provided, however, the administration shall be required identify available funds prior to the expenditure of any sums; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this Resolution should be construed as limiting the discretion of the University to supplement the Capital Campaign as necessary; provided that funds are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes while the projected budget for Fiscal Year 2010 accounts for a the majority of the $1.3 million estimated total cost of the Capital Campaign, it will remain vital throughout the course of the five-year campaign to maintain adequate levels of funding and support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration shall provide the Board with periodic reports on the status and progress of the Capital Campaign.

Submitted by the Committee on Development and Alumni Affairs August 26, 2009

Approved by the Board of Trustees

September 17, 2009

Emily Durso
Chairperson of the Board